

LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Construction element for forming a reinforced concrete slab (2), ~~comprising~~ ~~consisting of the combination of~~ at least a hardened concrete layer (3), at least a number of reinforcement elements (4) embedded in the concrete layer and cavity defining elements (5) extending at least partially from the concrete layer (3) and defining cavities (6), wherein the cavity defining ~~whereby these~~ elements (5) are configured ~~designed~~ to be covered with concrete (7) at a later stage, ~~characterised in that the above-mentioned elements (5) defining the cavities (6) consist of elements (5) which can be~~ and are mutually nestable with each other ~~nested as such~~.

2. (Currently Amended) Construction element according to claim 1, wherein the cavity defining ~~characterised in that the above-mentioned~~ elements (5) are nestable with ~~can be nested in each other~~ over for at least 50% of their heights, ~~and better still for at least 75%.~~

3. (Currently Amended) Construction element according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterised in that the above-mentioned~~ wherein the cavity defining elements (5) have one or more characteristics selected from the group consisting of ~~several of the following qualities:~~

- that they are made mainly conical;
- that they comprise ~~consist of~~ one or more ~~several~~ side walls (13) and a top wall (12), ~~while they~~ and are open on the bottom side;
- that they have the shape of an inverted a flower pot ~~which has been turned upside down~~;
- that they are each provided with at least one air hole (14);
- that they are each made in one piece;
- that they are made of plastic ~~or another usable material, such as for example compressed waste of tetra-brics, resin-bonded fibres or the like~~;
- that they are circular in the horizontal cross section; and
- that they are provided with locking parts at the their bottom ends which are configured ~~designed~~ to be embedded in the concrete layer (3),

thereby enabling ~~either or not~~ catching of the locking parts behind reinforcement elements (4) ~~which are also embedded in this concrete layer (3).~~

4. (Currently Amended) Construction element according to claim 1, wherein ~~any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the above-mentioned~~ the cavity defining elements have a lower part (5) are situated in the concrete of the hardened concrete layer (3) ~~with a lower part thereof.~~

5. (Currently Amended) Construction element according to claim 1, wherein ~~any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the above-mentioned~~ the cavity defining elements (5) are anchored to the construction element (1), only solely via a part thereof embedded ~~with which they are situated~~ in the concrete layer (3).

6. (Currently Amended) Construction element according to claim 5, wherein the cavity defining ~~characterised in that the above-mentioned~~ elements (5) are anchored to the construction element (1) in such a way that they at least remain anchored against floating and possible other forces when liquid concrete or cast concrete (7) is poured over them.

7. (Currently Amended) Construction element according to claim 5 ~~or 6~~, wherein the ~~characterised in that the above-mentioned~~ anchoring is obtained by means of locking parts provided on the hollow elements (5), said ~~whereby these~~ locking parts at least including ~~consist of~~ a laterally extending collar (15).

8. (Currently Amended) Construction element according to claim 1, wherein the cavity defining ~~any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the above-mentioned~~ elements (5) are erected in rows in orthogonal directions.

9. (Currently Amended) Construction element according to claim 1, including a ~~any of the preceding claims, characterised in that it comprises~~ supporting device arranged to support means for a top reinforcement (16), said ~~whereby these~~ supporting device

defining ~~means define~~ supporting parts (17) which are located ~~situated~~ higher than the top sides of the cavity defining ~~above-mentioned~~ elements (5).

10. (Currently Amended) Construction element according to claim 15, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the supporting parts (17) are formed of reinforcement rods (11) extending mainly parallel to the ~~above-mentioned~~ concrete layer (3).

11. (Currently Amended) Construction element according to claim 1, including ~~any of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~ reinforcement elements (4) ~~are present in the above-mentioned~~ concrete layer (3) and wherein ~~in that the above-mentioned~~ cavity defining elements (5) are anchored in the concrete layer (3) without ~~thereby making any contact~~ contacting with said reinforcement elements (4).

12. (Currently Amended) Construction element for forming a reinforced concrete slab (2), comprising ~~consisting of the combination of~~ at least a hardened concrete layer (3), at least a number of reinforcement elements (4) embedded in the concrete layer and cavity defining elements (5) extending at least partially from the concrete layer (3) and defining cavities (6), said cavity defining ~~whereby these~~ elements (5) configured ~~are designed to be covered with concrete (7) at a later stage, wherein~~ ~~characterised in that the above-mentioned~~ said cavity defining elements (5) are anchored to the construction element (1), ~~only~~ solely via a an anchoring part thereof anchored ~~with which they rest in the concrete layer (3), and being thereby~~ optionally lockable ~~either or not locked to the reinforcement elements, said~~ ~~which has been embedded in said concrete layer (3), by means of an anchoring~~ being sufficiently ~~which is so solid so~~ that said elements (5) will at least stay anchored against floating when liquid concrete or cast concrete (7) is poured over them.

13. (Currently Amended) Construction element for forming a reinforced concrete slab (2), comprising ~~consisting of the combination of~~ at least a hardened concrete layer (3), at least a number of reinforcement elements (4) embedded in the concrete layer and cavity defining elements (5) extending at least partially from the concrete layer (3) and defining cavities (6), said cavity defining ~~whereby these~~ elements (5) configured ~~are~~

~~designed to be covered with concrete (7) at a later stage, and a characterised in that the construction element (1) comprises supporting means for device arranged to support a top reinforcement (16), whereby these said supporting device defining means define supporting parts (17) which are located situated higher than the top sides of the aforesaid hollow cavity defining elements (5).~~

14. (Currently Amended) Method for manufacturing a construction element (1) according to claim 1, comprising ~~any of claims 1 to 13, characterised in that it at least consists of pouring an amount of concrete in a mould (18) in order to form the above-mentioned a concrete layer (3); in providing the concrete layer (3) with a reinforcement; , in particular reinforcement elements (4), provided in the mould (18) before and/or after the concrete has been poured; in providing cavity defining hollow elements (5) in the concrete before it has hardened, said cavity defining elements having which are provided with locking parts at their bottom sides, so that they rest in the concrete at least with these locking parts; and in letting the concrete harden, after which the whole is removed from the above-mentioned mould (18).~~

15. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 14, wherein ~~characterised in that the cavity defining hollow elements (5) are taken automatically from a stock of such elements (5) and are automatically installed provided in the concrete by means of said with the above-mentioned locking parts, such by means of a vibrating motion.~~

16. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein said installation of the cavity defining elements involves vibrating the cavity defining elements.